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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, SS, MR, AG, MO
SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: NEW MOROCCAN ARMS DELIVERIES

1. ACCORDING TO AMCIT WORKING AT NOUAKCHOTT AIRPORT, MOROCCAN C-130
ARRIVED EVENING SEPTEMBER 13, 14 AND 15 WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE
CARGO OF ROCKETS. TOTAL CARGO WAS APPROXIMATELY 150-180 LARGE
CRATES (50-60 PER FLIGHT). WITNESS ESTIMATED THAT CRATES CONTAINED
ROCKETS WHICH WERE NOTABLY LARGER THAN THOSE USED BY MAURITANIAN
AIR FORCE DEFENDERS. HE SPECULATED THAT NEW ROCKETS WERE FOR USE BY
MOROCCAN T-6S.

2. REASONING BEHIND AIRLIFT OF LARGER SIZE ROCKETS TO NOUAKCHOTT IS
NOT APPARENT AT THIS POINT. MOROCCAN T-6S WERE MOVED TO DAKHALA
FROM ATARHAOV 6-8D WEEKS AGO TO ESCAPE DIFFICULT OPERATING CONDITI-
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ONS (HIGH AMBIENT TEMPERATURES "AND OTHER PROBLEMS"). WITH
APPROACH COOLER FALL WEATHER T-6S COULD BE DEPLOYED TO ATAR.
IF THAT IS PLAN, HOWEVER, QUESTION ARISES OF WHY C-130S DID
NOT OFFLOAD NEW ORCKETS IN ATAR.
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